PCC Online Series Practices and Implementation of the Provider-Neutral Record for E-monographs June 3, 2009

At the April 30, 2009 meeting of the CONSER/BIBCO Operations Committee (OpCo), representatives supported pursuing a PCC practice for online series qualifiers and creation of authority records for online series. The following reflects a revision of a proposal made in the discussion paper http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/serqual.pdf [PDF: 25 KB; 3p.]. The practice below is based on OpCo discussion and subsequent consultations with LC's Policy and Standards Division:

PCC practice decisions for provider neutral records (all three modes of issuance: serials, monographs, and integrating resources) for online series analytics:
- Give the controlled access point of the print series, if providing a controlled series access point for a series in a bibliographic record
- Do not create a separate series authority record for the online series and do not add information to the series authority record for the print series
- Do not delete an existing series authority record for the online series (the possible deletion of these authority records as recommended in the report must be discussed with the NACO participants, Policy & Standards Division, etc.; such a discussion won't occur until after the new provider neutral practice has been vetted for a period of time)

Example 1:

Print series:	130	Title XYZ
Provider-neutral online analytic:	830	Title XYZ*

CONSER standard record practice for collected set records describing online versions, whether the title is analyzable or not:
- Catalogers are not required to provide a uniform title to distinguish online from print formats
- If a print version record exists and contains a uniform title, add the uniform title of the print version to the record for the online version. Do not further qualify the uniform title by "(Online)"
- Do not delete an existing series authority record for the series

Example 2:

Print without uniform title:

Print:	245	Title ABC
Online:	245	Title ABC*

Example 3:

Print with uniform title:

Print:	130	Generic title (Qualifier)
	245	Generic title
Online:	130	Generic title (Qualifier)*
	245	Generic title

*not further qualified by "(Online)"

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Note: The discussion paper made recommendations about use of ISSN-L. Those recommendations were not accepted and are not part of this proposal. Instructions for the 490 in the metadata application profile for the provider neutral record for e-monographs provide instructions for transcribing the ISSN of the print series if applicable.

The Metadata Application Profile (MAP) for the Provider-Neutral E-Monograph Record is contained in the final report of the Provider-Neutral Task Group: http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/bibco/PN-Final-Report.pdf

Next steps:
- LC's Policy and Standards Division confirmed that changes needed to LCRI 25.5B in support of PCC's online series practices will be made available on the web in early June and in the next update to Catalogers Desktop in August.
- Comments on the practices for online series outlined in the series practice posted at: http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/Online-Series.pdf are due June 17, 2009. Comments from the PCC Standing Committee on Standards, PCC members, cataloging email lists, and other interested parties may be sent to the Provider Neutral Record Task Group chairs Becky Culbertson (rculbertson@ucsd.edu) or George Prager (PragerG@exchange.law.nyu.edu)
- Final approval of PCC practices for online series by the PCC Policy Committee is expected by June 26th 2009.
- The implementation date of the Provider Neutral Record Guidelines for E-monographs and the new PCC practices for online series is July 17, 2009.

We welcome your comments and questions.

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